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**UPCOMING APIA COMMUNITY NEWS AND MEETINGS FROM
THE OFFICE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS (OAPIA)**

Upcoming Events

OAPIA Events

Events	Organization	Contact	Date, Time & Location
Case Assistance Clinics - The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) will initiate Case Assistance Clinics. OAPIA will assist the District's Asian and Pacific Islander (API) individuals, families, and small business owners who have trouble navigating DC government services due to language barriers. The clinics will be held each Wednesday at OAPIA, and some Thursday's at locations easily accessible to the API community. Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean and Vietnamese interpretation will be available at all locations.	OAPIA	202-727-3120	Wednesday, March 10 1-3pm Location: OAPIA 441 4 th Street, NW Suite 721N
OCA Northern Virginia Chapter 28th Annual Lunar New Year Banquet Let us all celebrate those born in the Year of the Tiger! Come socialize and network with new and old friends, while enjoying a 10-course dinner! Proceeds go toward supporting the 2010	OCA Northern Virginia Chapter	For more info contact: rsvp@ocanova.org	Saturday, March 6 6:30 pm Reception 7:00 pm Dinner 9:30 pm Dessert and Drinks Where: China Garden 1100 Wilson Blvd.

Smithsonian Folklife Festival, The OCA NOVA Scholarship Program, and the OCA National Center Building Fund			(Twin Towers, Mall Level) Roslyn, VA 22209 Roslyn Metro (Blue / Orange Lines)
AAGEN Dinner Event with Guest Speaker: Tommy Hwang Chief Information Officer Merit Systems Protection Board Topic: Social Networking for Federal Managers: To Connect or Not To Connect?	Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) www.aagen.org www.facebook.com/AAGEN.ORG	RSVP: Andy Manriquez andyman51@verizon.net	March 11, 2010 Time: 6:30 PM To 8:30 PM Location: China Garden Restaurant 1100 Wilson Blvd Arlington VA (Rosslyn Metro Station) \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members, \$35 at the event
Saving Our Sisters (S.O.S) From HIV/AIDS Free half-day awareness and skill building summit- with age appropriate awareness and skill building seminars, a town hall meeting, and free HIV testing and counseling for young women and girls ages 13-29	Hosted by Divas, DC Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives, DC Department of Health, DC Commission for Women, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office on Women's Health	To register visit: www.soshealthsummit.com For more info: call (202) 498-7538 or email sos@divasmph.org	Saturday March 13 Time: 10am-2pm Location: THEARC 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE Washington, DC 20020
CHAI Women's Wellness Group CHAI Invites South Asian Women to a dynamic and confidential group. Topics include relationships, family, women's roles, career, marriage, anger and conflict resolution, taboos & secrets, and other topics relevant to South Asian women.	Counselors Helping (South) Asians, Inc, (CHAI) www.chaicounselors.org	Phone: 443-615-1355 Fax: Email:raziakosi@chaicounselors.org	Sundays :March, 7th, 14 th , 21 th , 28 th , No Sessions, April 4th, & 11th , Sessions resume April 18 th , 25 th , May 2 nd Time: 3-4:30pm Location: Maryland Non Profits – 8720 Georgia Ave. Ste. 303 Silver Spring, MD 20910 Red Line Metro Silver Spring stop Fee: \$75 for sever

			sessions Sliding scale available Wednesday, March 17, 2010, Time: 6:00pm – 7:30 pm Location 441 4 th Street NW, Suite 1114 South Washinton DC, 20002
Entreprenuerial Mindset - Managing Business Thoughts become things and we are the sum total of the thoughts and decisions we have made to this point in life. Your mind can be a powerful magnet, attracting either the success and abundance your desire or manifesting the mediocrity and regret many seek to avoid. In this course, we will examine the championship mindset of successful business owners and how to adopt this thinking as a way of life.	District of Columbia Small Business Development Center Network (DC SBDC)	http://dcsbdc.org/events.aspx	
U.S.-India Political Action Committee (USINPAC) cordially invites you to a briefing by DOJ and DHS Panel 1: Representatives of the US Department of Justice (DOJ) discussing Federal Laws against discrimination in: Employment for the Indian-American Community Housing for the Indian-American Community Education for the Indian-American Community Voting for the Indian-American Community Federal Hate Crimes Law Enforcement for the Indian-American Community Dialogue and Conflict Resolution assisting the Indian-American Community Profiling by the Police and other Government Departments Panel 2: Representatives from the US department of Homeland Security (DHS) discussing Immigration Policies for the Indian-American Community Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Indian-American Community Deportations Redress for Border and Airport Security Delays	US Department of Justice and the US Department of Homeland Security (DOJ and DHS)	RSVP: events@usinpac.com or ritikas@usinpac.com Admission by RSVP only	Friday, March, 19th Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Location: Room 2237, Rayburn House Office Building

Respecting civic liberties of the Indian-American community Other issues concerning the Indian American Community			
Meet-up for Conversations Community Event Free monthly community networking event. Asians and non-Asians are welcomed (self-pay for lunch). This is an opportunity to meet business owners, community builders, consultants, bankers, etc.	Allies Building Community, Inc. (ABC) and Archway Network www.archway2.org	Diane Tai Phone: 202-338-4339 or 202-625-2244 Email: abcallies@gmail.com or organizer10@gmail.com RSVP: http://www.meetup.com/networking/ http://www.meetup.com/AsianAmericans/ http://www.meetup.com/ChineseAmericans/	On 3 rd Sundays of month Next: March 21 Time: 12:30PM – 3:00PM Upcoming: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 2010 Location: Burma Restaurant 740 6 th St. NW 2 nd Floor Washington, DC 20001
THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ALOHA A cultural presentation featuring the music & dances of Hawai'i & Samoa Enjoy pre-show Hawaiian music, local hors d'oeuvres, raffle & silent auction	Halau O 'Aulani www.halauoaulani.org	Shirley Queja 301-919-7905 squeja@halauoaulani.org or halauoaulani@yahoo.com Admission by ticket only. Discounted early bird tickets available before March 1.	Saturday, May 8, 2010 Time: 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Performance Location: Thomas Jefferson Theatre 125 S. Old Glebe Road Arlington, VA 22204
Get a Free Hepatitis B Vaccination Fortunately, HBV can be prevented with a very safe and effective vaccine. The Hepatitis B vaccine series is usually given as 3 shots during a 6-month period. The entire series is needed for long-term protection.	Dr. Mark-Li Chinese American Medical Society Chinatown Service Center Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC	Lisa Ma: 202-898-0061 coordinator@chinatownscdc.org Jane Pan 571-274-0021 j.pan@hepbinitiative.org	Sunday, May 10, 2010 Time: 12:30-3pm Location: Chinese Community Church 500 I (Eye) Street, NW
APAICS REMINDS YOU TO SAVE THE DATE for our 16 TH Annual Gala Dinner	Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)	www.apaics.org	Tuesday, May 11, 2010 JW Marriott Hotel Washington, DC

ONGOING EVENT OR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **H1N1 Flu**

You and the H1N1 flu vaccine. 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine is given in two ways.

- a. English version http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/h1n1_safety_flyer.pdf
- b. Spanish Version http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/h1n1_safety_flyer_sp.pdf

We encourage you to visit Flu.gov for [more free resources](#) and [one-page handouts](#) available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

- **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- **Fenty Administration Kicks Off Registration for 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program**

(Washington, DC) –Today Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Department of Employment Services (DOES) Director Joseph P. Walsh announced the start of registration for the 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). To encourage youth to participate, former and returning SYEP youth joined the Mayor at Allen Senior Housing on Minnesota Avenue, a Summer Youth Employer in 2009, and shared their experiences.

"This summer thousands of youth will be relying on us to provide them with meaningful summer work experiences," said Mayor Adrian M. Fenty. "Inspired by last year's record breaking participation, we are gearing up for an exciting summer that will challenge youth across the District and lay the foundation for their professional achievement for years to come."

Beginning March 2, 2010 and ending April 16, 2010, registration will be open to young adults between the ages of 14 and 21. The registration process for this year's SYEP is once again being conducted online at summerjobs.dc.gov. To register, youth will need to provide their social security number and permanent address. All participants must be District residents. Interested youth who cannot access their social security numbers should contact the Office of Youth Programs for assistance.

"Youth unemployment is at an all time high throughout the nation, but we know that when a person has work experience when they are young, they are much more likely to gain employment when they are adults," said DOES Director Joseph Walsh. "SYEP continues to be critical to our young people's success and it changes tens of thousands of lives for the better. Our youth not only gain valuable work experience, but they are also re-investing into their communities through service at local worksites."

This year, participants will earn the federal minimum wage while working in local small businesses, cultural and tourism institutions, local and federal government agencies, non-profit organizations, schools, recreation centers, child care facilities, libraries, and health care facilities. Participants will also receive training in work-readiness, post-secondary education, career exploration, and financial literacy. Nearly 21,000 youth were employed through SYEP in 2009.

For additional information about the 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program, residents can visit the summer job [website](#), call 311 for general information, or call the DOES Office of Youth Programs at (202) 698-3492.

- **The *Asian Pacific American Connections* program at the 2010 Smithsonian Folklife Festival** will focus on what it means to be a person of Asian descent living in the United States today and examine strategies for adaptation. If you want to learn more about the program , please click on:

http://www.festival.si.edu/2010/apa/asian_pacific_american_connections.aspx

- **Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC) Classes/workshops:** Free Children's Kung Fu Lessons provided by Wong People. Sundays at 3pm, and Tuesdays and Thursday s at 7pm. CCCC also offers classes in Tai Chi, Kung Fu, Chinese Brush Painting, ESL, Basic Computing, Chinese Language, Gu-Zheng, Chinese Calligraphy and more! For more information check out their website at www.ccccdc.org.

- **National Geographic Museum/Terra Cotta Warriors exhibition:** From November 19, 2009 through March 31, 2010, National Geographic Museum will host *Terra Cotta Warriors: Guardians of China's First Emperor*. Considered one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th century, the First Emperor's enormous tomb

complex contains thousands of terra cotta warriors intended to protect him in the afterlife. The exhibition offers an in-depth look at this historical site and showcases 100 sets of objects, including the 15 life-size terra cotta figures, representing soldiers, servants, musicians, acrobats, and animals. Please visit www.nationalgeographic.com/tcw or email questions, comments, or concerns to email terraccottaexhibit@ngs.org.

EMPLOYMENT of VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **2010 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)** – www.summerjobs.dc.gov – Applicants must be 14-21 years old, DC residents, and eligible to work in the U.S.
- **Medical Escorts/Translators for Chinese seniors needed**– The Emmaus Services for the Aging Asian and Pacific Islander Senior Center located in Chinatown is looking for bilingual speakers to accompany seniors with limited English ability to their medical appointments in the DC area. We are looking for translators who can speak Mandarin or Cantonese. Volunteers will be compensated \$20 for each trip. An immediate need is for escorts for this week (week of Feb 22) on Tuesday and Wednesday. If interested, please email Cecilia Ng at cng@emmausservices.org or call 202-842-2559. Thank you for your interest and support!
- **API Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)** is holding its next 5-weekend advocate training in late April, and we hope to recruit **volunteer and paid bilingual advocates** who can speak various Asian languages (including Bengali/Bangla, Cantonese, Farsi, Fukanese, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Khalkha Mongol, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Malayalam, Mandarin, Nepali, Punjabi, Sinhalese, Tagalog, Tamil, Thai, Vietnamese, and Urdu among other API languages) to provide peer support to survivors of domestic violence living in the DC area. The application deadline is March 23rd.
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- **Census Jobs**
To find jobs with the United States Census 2010 call the toll free number 1-866-861-2010
Good pay. Temporary, part-time jobs, Flexible hours, up to 40 hours a week, Mileage reimbursement (for field jobs).
- **Employment opportunities with the District of Columbia Government can be found [here](#).**
(If your organization would like to submit a job opening, please refer to the attached document for calendar submissions)
- **Hyatt Hotel job hotline: 202-637-4946**
- **OCA 2010 Summer Internship Program**
OCA, a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs), is now accepting applications for its 2010 Summer Internship Program.

Celebrating its 21th year, the ***OCA Internship Program*** seeks to cultivate future leadership by providing students from all over the country an opportunity to be involved in the political process through a national organization. The program has successfully led past interns to become more active on their college campus and increased the presence of the APA community in local, state and federal governments.

“The OCA summer internship is one of our signature programs, and we are proud to have helped generations of APA college students to become leaders who stay engaged with the APA community,” said OCA Executive Director George Wu.

Summer interns will be placed at a paid full-time position in a federal agency, nonprofit, or congressional office that matches their interest. Interns can also be placed at the OCA National Center. In addition to their placement, summer interns will be highly involved in many OCA activities and gain experience with grassroots organizing.

"Because of my OCA Internship, when I returned to UC San Diego I decided to stay another year to take more classes on domestic politics and in UCSD's fledgling Asian American Studies program. I am still involved in OCA and civil rights work today," said Vicki Shu Smolin, Immediate Past President of the OCA-New York chapter and 1990 OCA National Center Intern.

"My OCA internship experience was singularly responsible for introducing me to the world of AAPI activism. From serving as an officer for the Chinese American Students Association in college to founding and running Asian Americans for Obama to my infamous experience testifying before the Texas legislature and Representative Betty Brown, these steps of my journey began with OCA," said Ramey Ko, Attorney at the Texas Advocacy Project and 1999 OCA National Center intern.

In addition to connecting interns with the APA community and developing their leadership, OCA also brings summer interns to the OCA National Convention, the largest APA conference in the country. The 2010 National Convention will be in Houston from June 17-20. The convention will feature speakers, entertainment, workshops, and our signature gala. Applicants are strongly encouraged to make sure they are able to attend.

For the summer session, interns are expected to commit to working full-time for ten weeks between the dates of May 24 – Aug 13, 2010. Applications will be reviewed by the Internship Committee and a telephone interview may be scheduled.

For more information on the OCA Summer Internship and to apply, go to OCA's website at www.oceanational.org and click "Internship" under "Programs." We highly encourage applicants to **apply online**. Applications for internships need to be postmarked or submitted online by **March 1, 2010** for the summer session.

Please contact the OCA National Center at 202-223-5500 or jho@oceanational.org if you have any questions

- **APAICS 2010-2011 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

Washington, D.C. -- The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) announced that Fellowship applications are available on their Website: www.apaics.org. The APAICS Fellows are the Anheuser-Busch/Congressman Frank Horton Fellow, the Wal-Mart Stores, Inc./Governor George R. Ariyoshi Fellow and the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Fellow. The latter fellowship is for a post graduate and requires that the person has included in their class studies any housing policies, urban planning, mortgages, etc. **The deadline for all fellowships is April 30, 2010.**

The nine-month program provides an opportunity for APAICS Fellows to be placed in either the Executive or Legislative Branches of government as well as federal agencies, or a non-profit organization in the Washington area. The fellows will be assigned specific projects in their placement offices. The NAR Fellow will be placed in an office that specifically has some housing issues which he/she will have an opportunity to work on. As in the past, NAR advisors and Realtor members will work closely with the NAR Fellow on specific projects and may join with other NAR Fellows from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) and the Congressional Hispanic Institute Caucus (CHCI) in developing a public policy brief.

The current APAICS Fellows are assigned as follows: Meina Banh/Congressman Mike Honda; Anna Chu/Democratic Caucus; and Collin Siu/Congressman Al Green. Both Banh and Siu are working with members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC). The current chair is Congressman Mike Honda.

"The APAICS Fellowship Program is an excellent opportunity for API young leaders to gain insight into congressional processes. Not only is it a great way to network, one gets to work on relevant policy issues," said APAICS 2009-2010 Fellow Meina Banh. (Pictured here with Congressman Honda.)

About APAICS

APAICS was founded in 1994 and is a 501 (c)(3), non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization based in Washington, D.C., that seeks to build a politically empowered Asian Pacific American (APA) community to fill the political pipeline for APAs to enter and advance into elected office. APAICS is also a resource to Congress about the APA community.

- **Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Seeks Fall & Winter Interns**

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) is seeking motivated individuals interested in public service and the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community. Interns will gain valuable experience by working on projects serving the needs of the API communities and organizations in the District and will acquire vast knowledge about the District's various government agencies and functions. The interns will receive a worthwhile opportunity to grow, cultivate new ideas, and play a contributing role in District activities!

Language Access Intern - The intern will focus on language access related work in the office and issues affecting the Asian and Pacific Islander communities. OAPIA is tasked with providing technical assistance to over 25 District Agencies on language access. The intern will assist the Language Access Coordinator in implementing the Act. Some of the duties of the intern will include conducting an assessment of agency frontline centers, research best practices by municipal governments in providing linguistically and culturally appropriate services to the Asian and Pacific Islander community and further develop a network of governments, and creating reference manuals for District agencies on the API community.

Outreach Intern - The intern will work closely with the Outreach Team in serving the API population in the District. Duties include 1) assisting outreach coordinators with different outreach projects and activities; 2) visiting community based organizations, residents, and business owners; 3) providing case assistance to District residents & merchants, 4) occasional simple translations; and 5) handling administrative tasks. Being bilingual in English and Korean, Vietnamese, Mandarin, or Cantonese are required.

Qualifications

Applicants should be undergraduate or graduate students who possess strong written and oral communication skills as well as organizational abilities. They must be flexible and willing to take initiative. Strong computer and research skills are also desired. The intern should be able to work a minimum of 10 weeks for at least 20 hours per week. Most importantly, applicants must be able to work with diverse populations.

To apply, please email a resume, cover letter detailing your suitability for the position, and contact information to:

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